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Morrison Strongly Opposes Government Reorganization Bill Hit By American Federation of Labor

"C. I. O. Representatives Raided Local Unions and Issued Charters to Dual International and Local Unions," American Federation of Labor Secretary-Treasurer and Delegate from International Typographical Union to A. F. of L. Convention, Declares in Address Before Washington Typographical Union.

Smashes Absurd Charge of "Labor Dictatorship" and Abolition of Autonomy Rights of Affiliated Unions in the A. F. of L., "Wherein the Power Is Vested Entirely with the National and International Unions to Direct Its Policies"—"There Is No Power Within the American Federation of Labor Above the Will of These Organizations," He Asserts.

"I Have Opposed the C. I. O. and Its Activities From the Beginning and Addressed the 1936 and 1937 Conventions of the International Typographical Union and Urged the Delegates to Take Action Against the Flagrant Violation of the Constitution of the A. F. of L. by C. I. O. Representatives; As Your Delegate, I Opposed the C. I. O. in Its Sinister Efforts to Destroy the Autonomy Rights of Affiliated International Unions."

"The C. I. O. Will Pass Out of Existence and It Will Be Forgotten As An Idea of a Few Men Who Were Willing to Gamble At the Expense of the Trade Union Movement to Establish What They Believed To Be a New Form of Organization, When, As a Matter of Fact, They Have Tried to Establish a Dictatorship of a Minority Over a Majority."

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.
Editor's Note: On March 29, 1933, Frank Morrison, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, and Charles P. Howard, President of the International Typographical Union and Secretary of the Committee for Industrial Organization, discussed the controversy of the American Federation of Labor with the C. I. O. at a special meeting of Columbia Typographical Union No. 101, in the Masonic Auditorium, Washington.

Members and Friends of Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101:

The C. I. O. and its destructive activities have created a bad influence in the labor movement.

The 1934 Convention of the Federation voted unanimously to organize mass production employees and issue charters to international unions of automobile, cement and aluminum workers, with the jurisdiction of international unions safeguarded.

International charters were issued to automobile workers and to rubber workers and so reported to the 1935 Convention.

The 1935 Convention of the Federation on its resolutions committee to consider a majority report reaffirming action of the 1934 Convention and minority report provided for organization of workers in mass production industries upon basis of industrial unionism.

The minority report was defeated by a roll call vote of 14,024 against and 10,633 for the minority report.

The majority report was then adopted by the Convention.

Eight Minority Presidents Formed the C. I. O.

After this overwhelming defeat, the minority presidents of international organizations appointed themselves as members of a Committee for Industrial Organization, the purpose was to educate workers in favor of industrial unionism.

The C. I. O. disregarded their sworn purpose and proceeded to organize without regard to jurisdiction rights of existing unions and in violation of the Constitution of the American Federation of Labor.

The C. I. O. Council decided that it was their international duty to pursue the program of industrial unionism.

The action of the Executive Council in suspending these ten international unions was approved by the 1936 Convention by a vote of 21,679 for to 2,643 against approval.

the delegates in the A. F. of L. convention to prevent any subordinate body's usurping powers in conflict with the authority of the national and international unions.

A. F. of L. Convention Is Supreme Authority

Under the present structure of the A. F. of L., all power of review, approval and veto, is vested in the vote of the accredited delegates of the national and international unions in the annual convention.

When a vote is taken whether by roll-call, show of hands or viva voce the national delegates are accepted representatives of the national and international unions combined organizations the same as is the practice in all democratic organizations.

The A. F. of L. is a democratic organization. It is a union of unions. It is a union of the national and international unions. It is a union of the national and international unions.

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unions opposed them; and as a result of that contest the Knights of Labor passed out of existence, and today they are a memory.

American Railway Union Collapsed

You remember the American Railway Union, organized by Eugene V. Debs who endeavored to unite all the railroad workers in the American Federation of Labor. A strike was called by Eugene V. Debs and it was successful.

Samuel Gompers as President of the American Federation of Labor, the A. F. of L., was a man of many parts. He was a man of many parts.

Western Labor Union Succeeded

The text of Mr. Morrison's letter follows: "I wish to call your attention to the fact that Monday is a form very objectionable to the American Federation of Labor and its entire membership."

"During the present Congress, the American Federation of Labor and its affiliated organizations have consistently been denied the opportunity of being heard on any of the Reorganization Bills by the House Committee. We are, therefore, calling upon the members of the House of Representatives to insist that full and complete debate with every opportunity for amendments be provided on the floor."

"We are of the further opinion and request that the House provide that any Executive Order issued by the President under this bill which constitutes a usurpation of any power or department, or any of their functions, should not be effective until approved by a majority of both Houses of Congress."

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The liberty of the individual is a necessary postulate of a human progress.—Ernest Benn.

Government Reorganization Bill Hit By American Federation of Labor

Secretary-Treasurer Morrison Declares Congress Opposes Broad Delegation of Powers of Congress to the President; Urges Continuation of Civil Service and Employees Compensation Commissions as Independent Agencies.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.
Washington, D. C., March 30.—An emphatically worded letter urging the President to insist that the Government pass certain specific changes in the bill for the reorganization of the Government, passed by the Senate and referred to the House of Representatives, was sent to all members of the House by Secretary-Treasurer Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Morrison took the firm position that the authority of Congress must be broadened and extended instead of being curtailed or surrendered.

The A. F. of L. Secretary-Treasurer specifically urged that the U. S. Civil Service Commission and the U. S. Employees Compensation Commission be kept in their present status as independent Government agencies, and said the bill for the reorganization of the Government should be amended to provide for the continuation of the American Federation of Labor would urge its recommitment to the Select Committee on Government Reorganization.

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HAVEN IN U. S. FOR POLITICAL REFUGEES FAVORED BY A. F. OF L.

Victories Gained By Tampa Unions

Police Wear A. F. of L. Union Labels; Bakery Workers Have Twenty-two Members; Bar-Tenders Form Union.

(Special Correspondence of A. F. of L. Weekly News Service)
Tampa, Fla.—In both the field of politics and in the field of labor, the A. F. of L. has been successful in its efforts to secure a haven for political refugees in the United States.

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President Green Supports Secretary of State's Plan for Emigration of Victims of Hitler's Nazi Terrorism from Germany and Austria.

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A. F. of L. Textile Union Thrives in Jamestown

Negotiates Agreement for Recognition as Sole Bargaining Agency With Empire Wooling Mills.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.
Jamestown, N. Y., March 29.—The American Federation of Labor, Inc., Federal Labor Union No. 11416, organized there last December, negotiated an agreement with the Empire Wooling Mills, Inc., for recognition as the sole bargaining agent for its employees.

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